

The first litigation among a litigious people is recorded in a plea moved the Thursday next before the feast of Pope St. Gregory, 1266, in the court at Westminster by writ from the king to try a suit between William de Crakenthorpe plaintiff, and John Mauchaell defendant, upon this, that John had promised to let William grind at his mill all the demesne corn. An agreement is come to.\*

This John Mauchell, Lord of Crakenthorp,† and son of Alexander‡ married Beatrix whose maiden name was probably Bercar,§ and is probably the John who figures among the jurors in a dispute between King Edward I. and the abbot of St. Mary's York, over Bongate advowson, the decision being in the latter's favour.|| He is a witness to many charters and must have been an active and stirring man. He is living August 1298.¶ It is his widow, however, who in July 1311,\*\* bestows her lands and personality at Lazonby on her son Thomas.

\* Anno Regni Henri filij Reg. Johs. Lo. quing. die jovis prox. ante festum Sancti Gregorij Papi cum placitum motum esset in Comitat. Westmriand per breve Domi Regis inter Willum filium Willmi de Crakanthorpe Petentem et Johane filium Alexandri Mauchaell Defendantem super hoc videlicet quod predictus Johes promittere predictum Willielmum molere totum Dominicum Bladum suum ad molendinum ejusdem Johis in C. Quietum de Mutura. In pleno Comitatu predicto per assensum amicorum Ultrisque partis &c.

† Ego Idonea filia Richardi de Berford dedi &c. Johi Mauchael de Crakanthorpe Dno feodi & heredibus suis vel suis Assignatis 3 acres &c., in . . . C. &c.

‡ Noveritis me (Isabellam uxorem quondam Rici de Byrton) concessisse &c. Johi Mauchael & heredibus suis &c., totum jus et clamum quod habui &c., in illo messuagio &c., in . . . Crakanthorpe que quidem predictus Ricus &c., prius vendidit Alexandro patri predicti Johis M. &c., dat apud C. die Lune in crastino sti Botulphi A.D. 1285.

§ Quieta clamatio. Symon filius Rogeri Bercar de Crakanthorpe &c., noveritis . . . me dedisse &c. Johanni Mauchael Dno de C. & Capitali dno ejusdem feodi & Beatrici uxori sue et eorum heredibus &c., omnes terras &c., quas aliquo tempore habui in . . . C. &c.

|| N. & B. i. 346.

¶ Nos Johes filius Augnetis & Idonea uxor mea dedimus &c., in perpetuum Johi Mauchael dno de Crakanthorpp & Beatrici uxori sue medietatem totius crafti &c., in . . . C. Dat Apud C. die Mercurij proxima Ante festum Assumptionis beatiae Marie virginis A.D. 1298.

\*\* 1. Ego Beatriz quondam ux Johis Mauchael dno de Crakanthorpe &c., dedi &c. Thome M. filio & heredi meo omnes terras &c., que habui in . . . Laxsegby &c. 2. Ego Beatriz &c., dedi &c. Thome M. filio & heredi meo omnia bona & catalia mea infra . . . Laysingby &c., dat apud L. die martis prox post festum Sti Jacoby apostoli A.D. 1311.

Thomas